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May it pleaſe Your Majeſty:

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Arch-Biſhop, Biſhops, and Clergy, of the Province of *Canterbury*, in Convocation Aſſembled; do gladly lay hold on this firſt Opportunity of expreſſing our utmoſt Abhorrence of that moſt unnatural *Rebellion*, which hath been rais'd, and carried on, in favour of a *Popiſh Pretender*, in ſeveral Parts of Your Kingdom of *Great Britain*.

An Attempt attended with the moſt ſurprizing Aggravations of Guilt and Horrour: As Engaged in by many who ſtood oblig'd to defend Your Majeſty (their Rightful and Lawful Sovereign) and to oppoſe all Pretenders to Your Throne, by the moſt ſolemn Ties of *Oaths* and *Abjurations*: As Supported by *Proteſtants* in a joint Combination with *Papiſts*; who under colour of Securing the *Church* of *England*, endeavour'd to Subject it to the Government of a Perſon train'd up in all the Superſtitions of Popery, and in the greateſt Deteſtation of the Proteſtant Re-

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ligion: And as levell'd againſt a moſt Gracious Prince, who hath given ſo many Proofs of a moſt hearty Zeal to make us a Happy, and Flouriſhing People; and upon the Support, and Continuance, of whoſe Government, depends the Preſervation of our Conſtitution in Church and State.

We humbly preſent to Your Majeſty our moſt ſincere and hearty Congratulations upon the Succeſs of Your Majeſties Councels and Arms againſt this deſperate Attempt: And Adore the wonderful Goodneſs of God in defeating an Enterprize, the Succeſs of which muſt apparently have been the Deſtruction of whatſoever is moſt Dear and Valuable to us.

May the ſame good Providence continue to direct Your Councels, and ſtrengthen Your Hands; and, above all, to Guard and Protect the Perſons of Your Sacred Majeſty, and Your Royal Family: Upon whoſe Safety, under God, we are truly ſenſible that the Enjoyment of all our Civil, and Religious Rights, intirely depends.

His MAJESTIES moſt Gracious ANSWER.

I Thank you heartily for this Dutiful, and Loyal, Addreſs: In which you expreſs the juſteſt Indignation againſt Thoſe engaged in the Rebellion; and the warmeſt Zeal for the Safety of My Perſon and Government.

I doubt not but you will All, in your ſeveral Stations, take all Opportunities of inſtilling into the Minds of My People the ſame Sentiments of Duty and Affection to Me: And it is with great Satisfaction that I repeat to you, upon this Occaſion, the Solemn Aſſurances I have ſo often given, That it ſhall be My chief Care to Support and Encourage the Church of England, *as it is by Law Eſtabliſhed.*

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